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1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FROM AIDE
MEMOIRE PRESENTED PER REFTEL (A), WE FEEL IT WOULD BE
USEFUL TO COMMENT ON GENERAL SENTIMENT REGARDING DECISION
OF UNITED STATES NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN RECENTLY CONCLUDED
CONFERENCE. REFERENCE (B) QUOTED RECENT GHANAIAN TIMES
EDITORIAL ON WHY UNITED STATES DID NOT PARTICIPATE. THE
THREE ESSENTIAL POINTS MADE IN THAT EDITORIAL SUM UP THE
GENERAL FEELING HERE. THAT IS: A) THE US FEAR OF HEARING
ZIONISM ONCE AGAIN DESCRIBED AS RACISM IS UNPALATABLE TO
CARTER ADMINISTRATION; B) THE US FEAR OF HEARING THE PLIGHT
OF US MINORITIES DESCRIBED AS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS
UNPLATABLE TO ADMINISTRATION; C) US FEAR THAT CONFERENCE COULD
HAVE PROVIDED "A FAIR INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM" FOR THE "VICTIMS"
OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS RUSH TO FIGHT BACK.

2. NOT MENTIONED IN THE EDITORIAL BUT A POINT OFTEN
MADE IN CONVERSATIONS HERE IS THE FLOURISHING TRADE RE-

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LATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING
ISRAELI PROVISION OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THIS FACT
ALONE CAUSES MOST MODERATE GHANAIANS TO SHY AWAY FROM ANY
ATTEMPT TO ACCOMODATE THE UNITED STATES IN AMELIORATING
OR ELIMINATING THE EQUATING OF ZIONISM WITH RACISM.
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